

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended). A female terminal comprising:  
  
a terminal-inserting portion having a bottom wall and a resilient contact piece portion extending rearwardly from a front end edge of the bottom wall to a free end portion thereof;  
  
wherein a convex portion projecting toward said bottom wall is formed at the free end portion of said resilient contact piece portion, and  
  
when said resilient contact piece portion is resiliently deformed upon insertion of a male terminal, said convex portion is brought into contact with said bottom wall, so that a front side part of said resilient contact piece portion is spaced from said bottom wall with a clearance.
2. (original): A female terminal according to claim 1, wherein said resilient contact piece portion includes a first curved portion by which said male terminal is clamped.
3. (original): A female terminal according to claim 2, wherein said resilient contact piece portion extends almost parallel to an insertion direction of said male terminal except said first curved portion.
4. (original): A female terminal according to claim 2, wherein a second curved portion by which said male terminal is clamped is formed on a top wall of said terminal-inserting portion.

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5. (original): A female terminal according to claim 4, wherein said first curved portion and said second curved portion are opposed to each other.

6. (currently amended): A female terminal according to claim 2, wherein said resilient contact piece portion extends almost parallel to said bottom wall except said first curved portion so as to form asaid clearance there-between said contact piece and said bottom wall.

7. (currently amended): A female terminal according to claim ~~1~~2, wherein a third curved portion is formed on said bottom wall at a position corresponding to said first curved portion.

8. (original): A female terminal according to claim 1, wherein said convex portion has a semi-arc shape in cross-section.

9. (new). The female terminal according to claim 1, wherein said convex portion is spaced from said bottom wall when said male terminal has not been inserted.

10. (new): The female terminal according to claim 1,  
wherein said resilient contact piece portion includes a first curved portion by which said male terminal is clamped;

wherein said resilient contact piece portion extends almost parallel to an insertion direction of said male terminal except said first curved portion.

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11. (new): The female terminal according to claim 1, wherein a part of the resilient contact piece portion extends rearwardly so as to be substantially parallel with a terminal insertion portion.